

# North Nashua River Blue Trail

## Leominster and Lancaster MA

A proposed 7-mile Water Trail  
*featuring*  
Universally Accessible car-top put-in/ take-out sites

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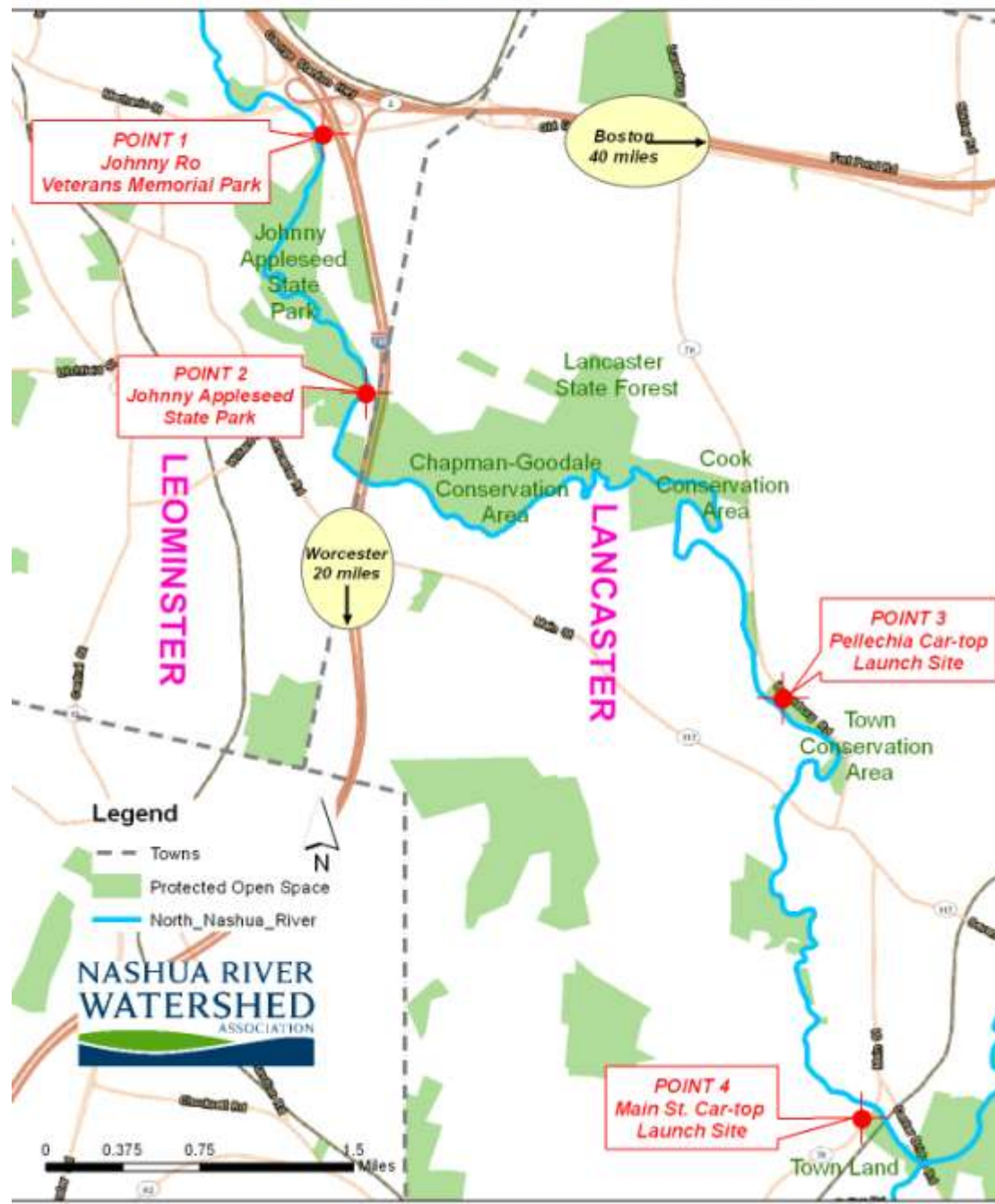


# Partners and Supporters:

- **Co-applicants: Town of Lancaster & City of Leominster**
- Supporters: Montachusets Regional Trail Coalition co-chaired by Leominster Trail Stewards, Montachusett Regional Planning Commission &
- NRWA



# NORTH NASHUA RIVER BLUE TRAIL



# Stats:

- Northern terminus – Jonathon Roberg Veterans Memorial Park, Leominster
- Mid-point – Lake Leominster breached dam, Johnny Appleseed State Park
- Southern terminus – Pellechia Site, Lancaster
- Phase II terminus – extend downstream to Main St. Lancaster  
& eventually the mainstem Nashua River



# Why here and why now?

Stars have at long last aligned

DCR Rec Trails grant submission = *rallying cry*

Permanently protected launch sites owned by municipalities

Largely all permanently protected contiguous greenway corridor

Multi-phases enable us to reach to mainstem Nashua River

# Issues & Concerns:

Attractive nuisance – breached dam remains – hidden dangers

Stream flow (low & high) – flashy headwater; not flat water

Fluvial geomorphologic characteristics not yet analyzed –  
cubic feet per sec (known through USGS gauges); BUT  
depth of water throughout year UNKNOWN

Majority of river water in summer is upstream WWTP effluent

Ease of ability to put-in/take-out

Johnny Appleseed State Park (“greenway trails” to go with blue trail)

City ownership of northern terminus & interfacing with Veterans group

Safety of parking areas

Funding (if U.A. then perhaps greater chance of ADA grants)



POINT 1  
Jonathan Robarge  
Veterans Memorial Park

This is an aerial photograph showing a park area with a mix of green and brown trees. A red callout box with a pointer indicates a specific location. To the right of the park, a multi-lane highway runs diagonally across the frame. A road crosses the park area horizontally. In the bottom left, a curved concrete structure, possibly a bridge or walkway, is visible. A small building is located near the bottom center of the image.

An aerial photograph of a wooded area, likely Johnny Appleseed State Park. A red dot is placed on a clearing in the forest, with a red crosshair extending from it. To the left of the dot is a baseball field with a dirt infield and grass outfield. To the right is a multi-lane highway with several vehicles. The text "POINT 2" is centered above the dot, followed by "old Lake Leominster Dam site" and "in DCR Johnny Appleseed State Park" on the next two lines.

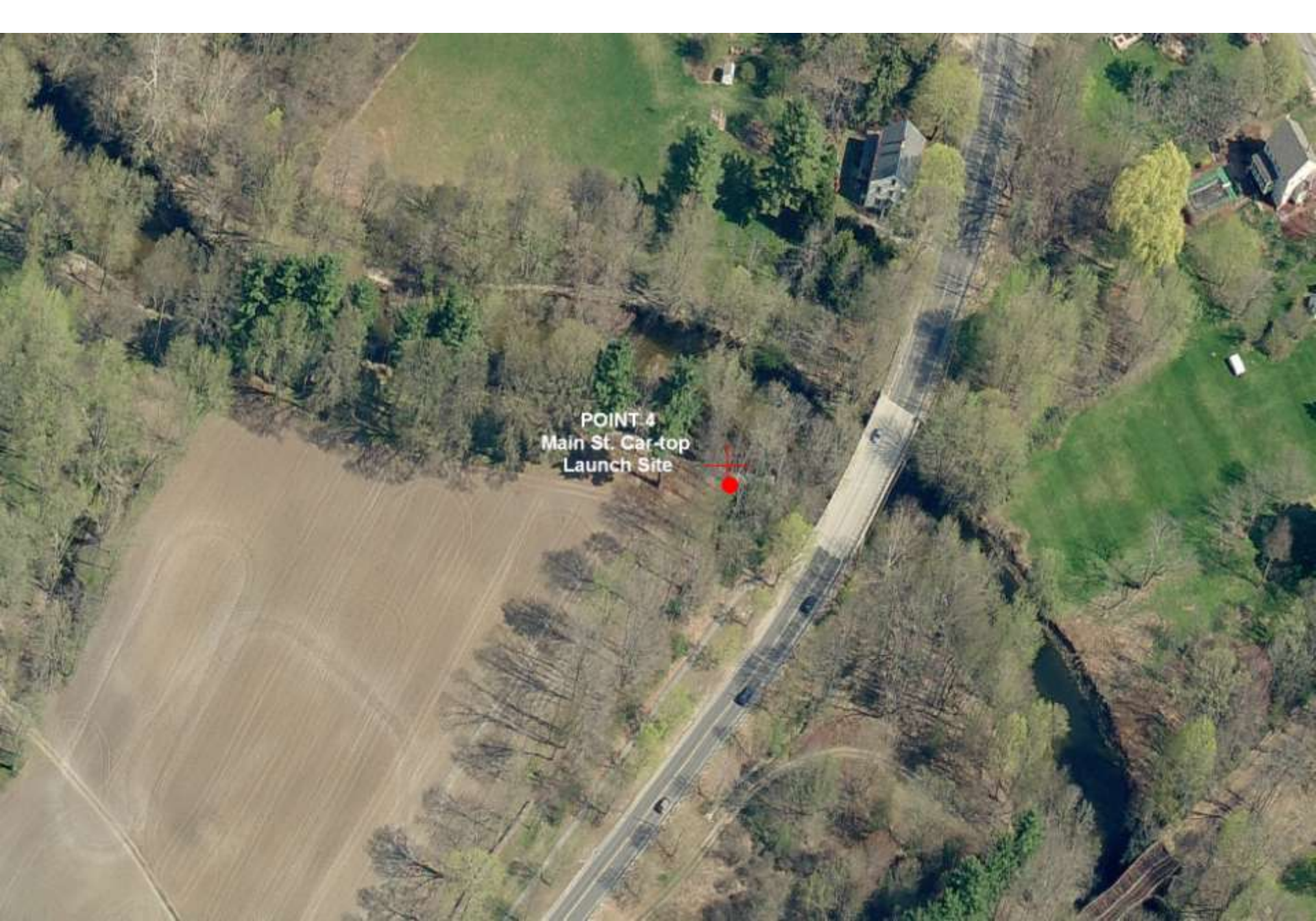
POINT 2  
old Lake Leominster Dam site  
in DCR Johnny Appleseed  
State Park





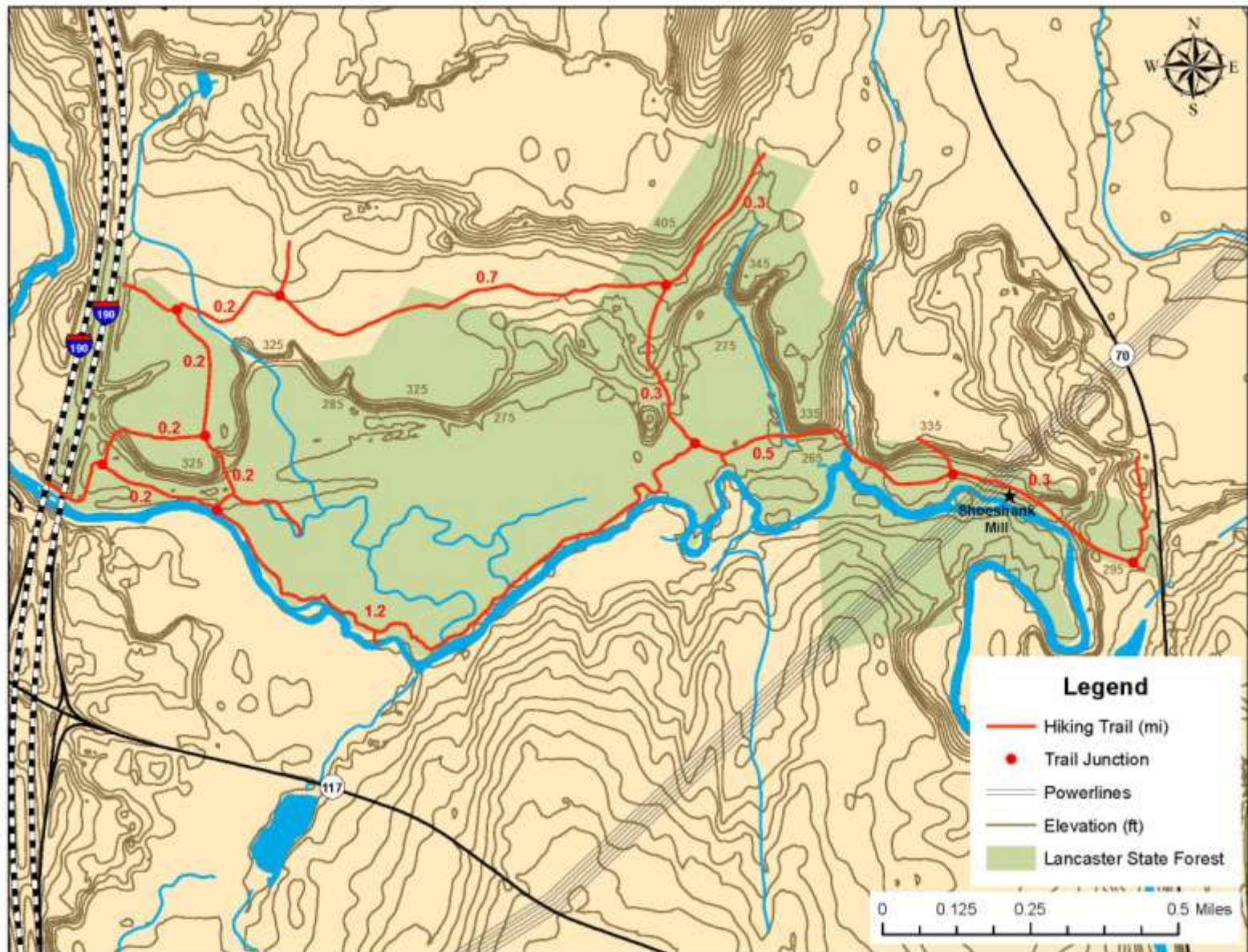


POINT 3  
Pellechia Car-top  
Launch Site

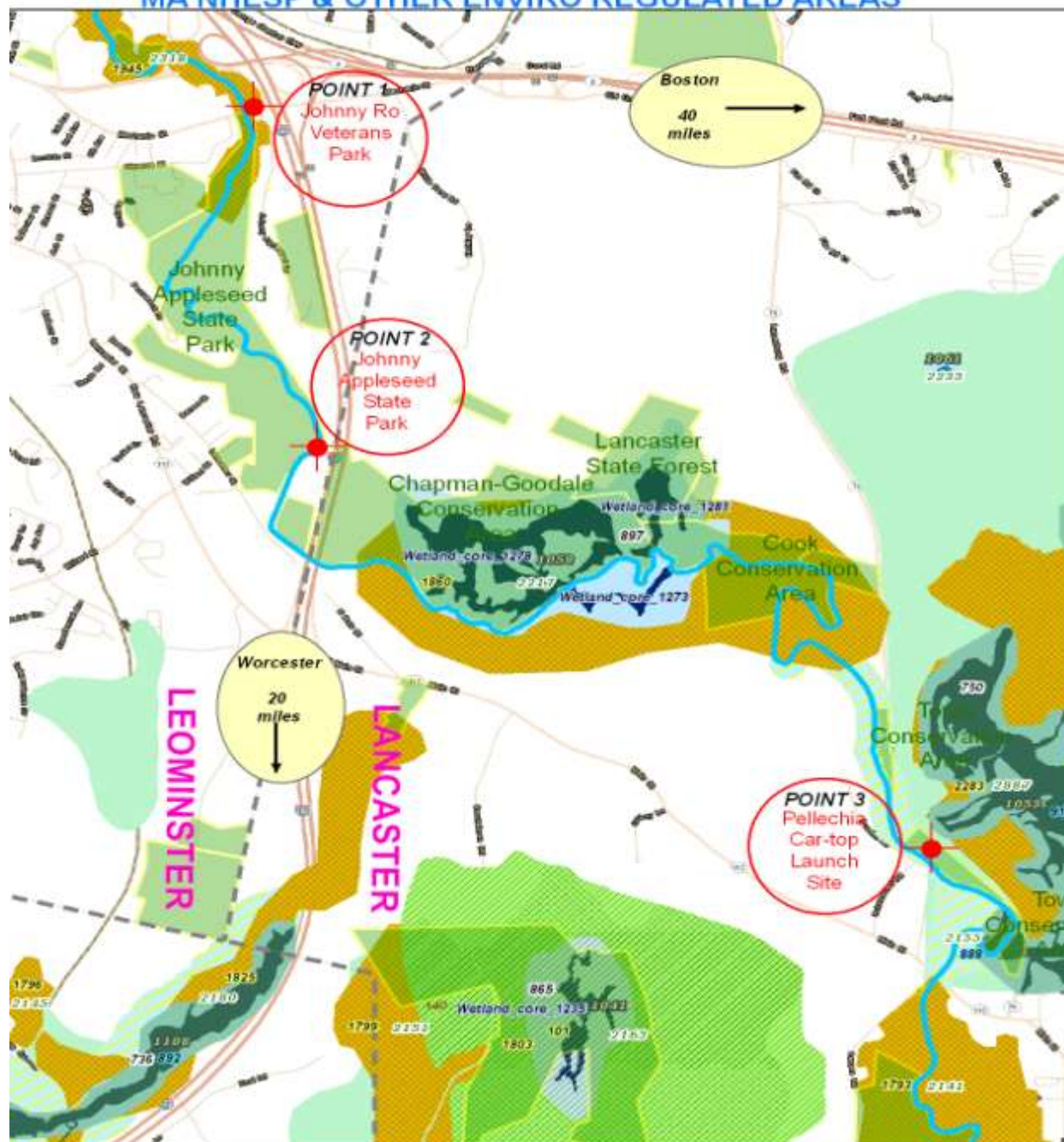


POINT 4  
Main St. Car-top  
Launch Site

# Connection to adjacent greenway trails



## MA NHESP & OTHER ENVIRO REGULATED AREAS



# What's special about this Blue Trail?

- Universally accessible  
launch/ put-in sites

including UA docks (i.e.: E-Z brand)

*...and now to Andrew Leonard*